



JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
NAS BARBERS POINT, HAWAII

1449

JCRC-LNS

21 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, JCRC-LNS

SUBJECT: Situation in Region 2

1. The current military situation in Region 2 has resulted in loss of access to the entire highland region, which contains over half of the MIA/BNR's in the region. Province Representatives from Pleiku, Kontum, Phu Bon and Quang Duc have been withdrawn to Nha Trang. The Province Representative for Darlac has been missing since the fall of Ban Me Thuot. Access to Binh Dinh Province is limited to the city of Qui Nhon, when allowed by the Province Representative, who has notified the ConGen that visitors, for any reason are not desired. The increased tempo of fighting in Phu Yen Province restricts movement out of the city of Tuy Hoa. In Khanh Hoa Province only the coastal region is accessible. Information has been received from the TPJMO liaison officer that TPJMO Region 3 has moved to Tuy Hoa.

2. The Southern portion of Region 2, Binh Thuan, Lam Dong and Binh Thuan Provinces, have, so far, not been affected by the offensive. Preoccupation with military affairs and a feeling of apprehension concerning the situation is having an adverse effect upon JCRC activities.

3. Present plans for the ADO-2 office envision concentration of effort on those incidents in the coastal period that can be resolved at this time. Specific PUSCOP concerning those MIA's has been requested, distribution of PUSCOP in conjunction with investigations will be accomplished. Assumptions are that once the situation stabilizes, contact with the MIA's and their families can be reestablished.



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Reference: RP79-010
11 January 1980

FROM: JCRC - OPS

SUBJ: Refugee Interview, Gravesite of US Casualty

TO: Commander, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

SOURCE

SOURCE DATA

SOURCE reported that in June 1971 he was a member of the 83rd Company, 8th Battalion, Vietnamese Airborne Division, which was part of a larger force attempting to break the siege at Firebase 5, located in the tri-border area. The source was unable to locate the precise position of Firebase 5 but it was a few kilometers south of Dak To.

While SOURCE unit was attempting to fight their way into the Firebase he saw the corpse of an American Advisor. Because the American remains were co-located with the remains of 30-40 Vietnamese members of the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regiment, 23rd ARVN Division, SOURCE assumes he was an advisor to that unit. SOURCE claims that, because of the fact the bodies were decomposing, his commander ordered the bodies buried. They were all buried in a shallow, unmarked, common grave and no identification was removed. This grave was about 800 meters from Firebase 5, in an unknown, to SOURCE direction.

SOURCE unit had no American advisors and he does not know if any report was made of this incident to other American advisors, or to Vietnamese officials.

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REFUGEE REPORT & EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: SOURCE
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: RP79-010, 11 Jan 80
ANALYST: TSgt David E. Rathbun
CROSS REFERENCE(S):

CATEGORY DATA: American remains and grave site

- FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a potential correlation to Refno #1449-01.
- CORRELATE DATA: On 24 May 1969, SFC Montez was commanding a company of CIDG troops when his unit was over run. He was badly wounded and later died. As the enemy pressed the attack, the survivors had to abandon the position leaving SFC Montez's body behind in the vicinity of YB 897102. The date of this incident is approx 2 years before the date reported by SOURCE but within 10 kilometers of FSB #5.
- BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: On 24 Apr 72, NAME / DATA became separated from other members of his unit when evacuating a bunker, a Dak TO II, in the vicinity of ZB 011211. There are reports he killed himself when he was told to surrender. This incident is approx one year later but still within the general area of FSB #5 and Dak To.


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JCRC REFNO File, #1449-01

FOLLOW-UP: Refugee will be reinterviewed to determine:

- A more exact location.
- A description of American remains.
- The validity of date.

REPORT #5

REFNO1 14490101 NAME1 MONTEZ ANASTACIO (MNM)

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BIOGRAPHIC/STATE REPORT		REFNO1 1449-0101	
NAME1 MONTEZ ANASTACIO (MNM)		STATUS (M) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
NATIONALITY UNITED STATES		DATE STRAYD ASSIGNMENT 08 JUL 69	
SERVICE ARMY		RACE CAUCASIAN	
GRADE E7		HAIR BLACK	
SSAN		EYES BROWN	
SERIAL NO 8613528		HEIGHT 70 INS 1.77 MTRS	
BIRTH DATE 24 NOV 29		WEIGHT 180 LBS 81.8 KILOS	
CREAT DATE 12 NOV 71		COMPLETION 0	
DUTY POS GO		BLOOD TYPE CATOLIC	
UNIT ASSGD DET B 20 5 SFG		HOME STATE TEXAS	
PW CAMP		GRAVE CORR	
RECOVERY PRI 2			
***** SITE SECTION *****			
CIDENT LOCATION			
SITE NUMBER 14490101		SITE TYPE GROUND SITE	
GRID ZONE DEGRS 48P		CATEGORY 3	
VIA 8897102		NUMBER RECOVERED 01	
COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM		NUMBER RECOVERED 00	
MILITARY REGION 8		JCRC SEARCH TO 0	
PROVINCE KONTUM		JCRC INSPECTION NO	
MISSION DATE 24 MAY 69		OTHER INSPECTION NO	
		INTERVIEW STATEMENT NO	
		BOARD ACTION NO	
***** VEHICLE DATA *****			
MISSION NAME COBBAY		CALC SIGN	
VEHICLE TYPE		VEHICLE TYPE	
YEAR		YEAR	
SERIAL		SERIAL	
ACCY		ACCY	
SAC		SAC	
ENGINE TYRE		ENGINE TYRE	
1 SERIAL		1 SERIAL	
2 SERIAL		2 SERIAL	
LAST KNOWN LOCATION SAME AS INCIDENT LOCATION			